

## DURANGO REACHED BY VILLA?

Bandit is Believed to have Escaped South  
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District

## LARGE FORCES FOR CHASE ARE REQUIRED

More Troops are Needed to Protect Long  
Line Railways Also Essential; De-  
partment Orders Additional  
Motor Trucks

By United Press.  
San Antonio, Tex., April 5.—Al-  
though believing that Villa has al-  
ready reached Durango, the United  
States troops are engaged in a final  
combing of the Guerrero district, re-  
ports today say.

According to Funston's chief of  
staff, the extension of the man hunt  
south of Chihuahua City will require  
the use of railroads and more troops  
to protect the communications. Plans  
for a broader scale of operations may  
be necessary.

By United Press.  
Washington, April 5.—At Gen. Fun-  
ston's request the war department to-  
day ordered one hundred and eight  
additional auto trucks and two addi-  
tional gasoline tank trucks to meet  
the serious transportation shortage in  
Mexico.

This action is believed to indicate  
that the administration intends to de-  
pend upon trucks to solve the trans-  
portation problems notwithstanding  
the request yesterday to Carranza to  
state why the railway agreement had  
not been fulfilled.

Retreating Toward Parral.  
By United Press.  
El Paso, Tex., April 5.—Information  
received at Juarez today located Villa  
southeast of Camargo, continuing his  
retreat toward Parral.

If this report is true, Villa is now  
within five miles of Santa Rosalia, on  
the Mexican National railway. It also  
indicates that the large Carranza force  
in that district has apparently allowed  
Villa to escape.

To Execute Mexicans.  
By United Press.  
El Paso, Tex., April 5.—The mayor  
of Juarez this afternoon stated that  
the Mexicans who plotted the capture  
of Juarez last Sunday will be executed  
despite the protest of Consul Gor-  
cia.

By United Press.  
San Antonio, Tex., April 5.—Admit-  
ting that Francisco Villa had escaped  
south, probably being headed for the  
Parral district, Gen. Funston today at-  
tributed this fact to misinformation  
furnished by Villa sympathizers.

Funston stated that very few Amer-  
ican troops were pursuing Villa in his  
flight toward the south, owing to the  
line of communication without danger  
to the expedition.

An air of pessimism prevails in  
army headquarters here today. Hope  
for the early capture of Villa has ap-  
parently been abandoned. Funston  
admitted that the continuation of the  
chase southward must be backed by a  
stronger force than is now available.

Funston stated that the troops  
available for the pursuit are now far  
south of the scene of the second en-  
gagement with the Villistas on April  
1. No detailed official report on the  
second battle has been received.

Funston is at sea concerning the  
identity of the leadership of the band  
which burned two bridges on the  
Mexican National railway north of  
Monclova but he believes that they  
were Villistas.

Columbus, N. M., April 5.—Two hun-  
dred American cavalrymen under Col.  
W. C. Brown, Tenth cavalry, defeated  
an equal force of Villistas in the sec-  
ond engagement of the campaign at  
Aguas Calientes, thirty miles north  
of Guerrero on April 3. According to  
advices received here last night, this  
report was carried to General Persh-  
ing Tuesday by two Mexican ranch-

men who said that the Mexican forces  
lost thirty men and forty horses while  
the Americans suffered no casualties.

Villa was not with the band, accord-  
ing to the ranchmen, who asserted  
that the American troops believed at  
first they had encountered the bandit  
chieftain. An investigation showed  
that he had not been with the detach-  
ment.

For hours the American cavalry fol-  
lowed Manuel Lopez, one of Villa's  
lieutenants, and his bandits through  
tortuous winding canyons and almost  
impassable trails of the mountains.

Believing that they had eluded their  
pursuers the bandits relaxed their vigi-  
lance and before they realized it they  
were confronted by the troops of the  
Tenth cavalry of General Pershing's  
old regiment which had been stationed  
near the town to intercept stray  
bands attempting to make their es-  
cape.

Only the most meager details of the  
ensuing engagement were brought by  
the ranchmen, but in many respects it  
reminded that of a week ago at  
Guerrero. Immediately the bandits  
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## FUNDS FOR ROADS ARE DIVIDED

Each District to Receive Equal Share;  
Contracts for Dragging are Awarded;  
Claims Passed on and Allowed  
by Board

The board of county commissioners  
has been in session since Monday and  
it is possible that adjournment may  
be taken this afternoon, the most of  
the regular routine business having  
been disposed of. However, it is pos-  
sible that the board may remain in  
session one and possibly two days  
longer. This will depend upon whether  
or not the board decides to take up,  
at this meeting, the matter of the cor-  
rection of all erroneous assessments.

It was the duty of the board of com-  
missioners to act in such matters until  
these matters were taken out of  
their hands by the last legislative act  
of 1915. The extra session of the leg-  
islature, recently adjourned, how-  
ever, amended the 1915 act so that  
the board again has cognizance of  
such matters. In event the commis-  
sioners should decide to make two  
corrections at this regular term, they  
will have a big bundle to dispose of,  
which piled up between the time of  
the passage of the 1915 act and the  
passage of the act of the extra ses-  
sion.

The greater part of the session yester-  
day afternoon was occupied with  
passing upon claims. Something like  
200 claims, including salaries of county  
officials, were disposed of.

It being shown that there was a sum  
amounting to \$2,360 in what is known  
as the road-dragging fund, it was de-  
cided, upon motion, to divide this  
amount equally between the three dis-  
tricts of the county. This motion was  
opposed by Chairman Corzine and  
supported by Commissioners Robin-  
son and Bryant.

Final action in the matter made the  
following disposition of the fund.  
District No. 1, received for road drag-  
ging purposes the sum of \$310; dis-  
trict No. 2, received for road dragging  
purposes, \$197; district No. 3, received  
for the same purpose, \$197. The bal-  
ance, The balance or surplus thus  
left of the original fund amounting to  
\$1,550, was divided between the dis-  
tricts as follows: District No. 1, to  
receive \$52.75; district No. 2, to re-  
ceive \$46.1; district No. 3, to receive  
\$46.1, to be used for road construction  
purposes.

The motion by which the above  
matter was brought before the board,  
and which was acted upon in connec-  
tion with the above provides that each  
commissioner be authorized to use the  
money set aside for his respective dis-  
trict to be used for the construction  
of roads in that district.

At the session of the board this  
morning the road dragging contracts  
were awarded and bonds of contrac-  
tors approved. The contracts award-  
ed follow:

Ralph Huron, to drag 4 miles of the  
Verden-Chickasha road; V. P. Ship-  
ley, to drag 3 miles of the Pocasset-  
Chickasha road; A. H. Home, to drag  
4 miles of the Alex-Ninnekah road.  
Road dragging accounts and reports  
were presented, approved and allowed  
as follows: R. P. Friarebarger, for  
dragging 5 1/2 miles of the Minco-Po-  
casset road, \$8.25; Ralph Heron, for

## FRENCH LEADER AT VERDUN



General Petain, now in command of  
the French forces at Verdun.

dragging 3 miles of the Verden-  
Chickasha road, \$9; J. S. McCann, for  
dragging 5 miles of the Rush Springs-  
Marlow road, \$19; S. A. Roberts, for  
dragging 21 miles of the Minco-Pocasset  
and the Pocasset-Dutton roads,  
\$39; A. H. Home, for dragging 2 1/2  
miles of the Alex-Ninnekah road, \$3.50.  
Bond in the sum of \$5,000 of the  
Amber State bank as a depository of  
county funds, accepted.

The matter of Mrs. Orrel, a county  
(Continued on Page Two.)

## VOTE ON ARMY BILL

By United Press.  
Washington, April 5.—Whether the  
Fry or the Chamberlain plan for na-  
tional defense will triumph will be de-  
cided by test votes in the senate this  
afternoon.

Members of the senate committee  
on military affairs said it was very  
possible that the Fry idea would win.  
If so the Republicans who are in fa-  
vor of preparedness will vote against  
the whole measure.

The house committee on naval af-  
fairs today voted fifteen to six for a  
favorable report on the bill for a gov-  
ernment armor plate plant which has  
already been passed by the senate.

## HOLDS COURT HAS NO JURISDICTION

In the matter of the State of Okla-  
homa vs. E. P. Campbell, charged  
with violation of the game and fish  
laws in having caught certain fish  
which the game laws provided should  
not be caught, the defendant was  
brought before Judge T. P. Moore yester-  
day and the court ordered the dis-  
missal of the case on the grounds of  
lack of jurisdiction.

Judge Moore stated that the statutes  
declared what fish should not be taken  
from Oklahoma streams but that there  
was no statute providing a punish-  
ment. The court said that under  
that provision of the statutes for the  
offenses in which the penalty was not  
fixed, the punishment was so exces-  
sive as to remove the cases from ju-  
risdiction of justices. "The matter  
will have to be threshed out in the  
county court," said Judge Moore.

## MARRIED BY JUDGE MOORE

Yesterday afternoon a marriage li-  
cense was granted to William A.  
Smith, aged 38, and Miss Eva E. Sor-  
hells, aged 24, both of Amber.  
The contracting parties, later in the day  
called upon Judge Moore, who per-  
formed the marriage ceremony for them.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.  
Tonight and Thursday, un-  
settled.  
Local Temperature.  
During 24 hours ending 8  
a. m. today:  
Maximum, 66; minimum, 44.  
Rainfall during 24 hours end-  
ing at 8 a. m., .38 in.

## MOVE TO MOTORIZE APPROVED

City Council is Authorized by Voters to  
Spend \$10,000 to Improve Fire  
Department; Light Vote  
is Polled

## ALL DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES CHOSEN

Cavett, Neal, Lorentson and Hayes are  
Re-Elected as Members of City  
Council; Even Break Re-  
corded in One Precinct

The city election passed off quietly  
yesterday, with a light vote polled,  
which resulted in the re-election of  
Cavett, Neal, Lorentson and Hayes,  
democrats, over Rinehart, Van Dun-  
ham, Tatman and Powell, Socialists,  
and in the carrying of the fire equip-  
ment proposition by a vote of two and  
a half to one.

The vote for councilman follows:  
First ward—R. M. Cavett (D), pre-  
cinct 1, received 20 votes; precinct 2,  
received 81 votes; total Cavett vote  
101.

First Ward—G. R. Rinehart, (S)  
precinct 1, received 20 votes; precinct  
2, 13; total Rinehart vote, 33. Cav-  
ett's majority, 68.

Second ward—J. C. Neal (D), pre-  
cinct 1, received 69 votes; precinct 2,  
78 votes; total Neal vote, 147.

Second ward—Van Dunham (S),  
precinct 1, received 8 votes; precinct  
2, 22; total Van Dunham vote, 30.  
Neal's majority, 117.

Third ward—(only one precinct)—  
Jacob Lorentson (D), received 66  
votes.

Third ward—J. S. Tatman (S), re-  
ceived 25 votes; Lorentson's majority  
41.

Fourth ward—H. O. Hayes (D), re-  
ceived precinct 1, 28 votes; precinct  
2, 85 votes. Total Hayes vote 113.

Fourth ward—W. S. Powell (S), re-  
ceived precinct 1, 9 votes; precinct 2,  
5. Total Powell vote 14. Hayes' ma-  
jority, 99.

The proposition allowing the city  
of Chickasha to incur an indebtedness  
in the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose  
of motorizing the equipment of the  
fire department carried by a vote of  
378 yes to 168 no.

The vote on this proposition, by pre-  
cincts, follows:

Ward 1—Precinct 1, yes 16, no 25;  
precinct 2, yes 75, no 8.

Ward 2—Precinct 1, yes 72, no 13;  
precinct 2, yes 71, no 29.

Ward 3—(one precinct)—Yes 52,  
no 43.

Ward 4—Precinct 1, yes 17, no 15;  
precinct 2, yes 70, no 22.

Total vote for the proposition, 378;  
total vote against the proposition, 168.  
Majority for the proposition, 205.

## SLIGHT GAIN FOR 'DRYS' IN ILLINOIS

Milwaukee Elects Socialist Mayor; LaFol-  
lette Defeated by Phillips in Wiscon-  
sin; Ford and Smith Run  
Close in Michigan

By United Press.  
Chicago, Ill., April 5.—Returns re-  
ceived up to noon today indicate a  
slight victory for the dry forces in  
the local option elections held in a  
number of cities and towns in Illinois  
yesterday. The drys also made gains  
in Wisconsin.

Reports from Milwaukee show that  
a Socialist mayor was elected over the  
coalition candidate.

In the state of Wisconsin the re-  
turns show that Governor Phillips de-  
feated Senator LaFollette as the  
choice of his party for the Republican  
nomination for president, the con-  
servative element controlling the de-  
legation to the national convention.  
In Michigan the race between Hen-

## TAGGART NAMED SENATOR



Thomas Taggart, named by governor  
Ralston to succeed the late Senator  
Shively as senator from Indiana.

ry Ford and Senator Smith as the  
choice of the state for the Republican  
presidential nomination is so close  
that the official count will be neces-  
sary to determine the result.

## Dallas Election.

By United Press.  
Dallas, Tex., April 5.—On the face  
of the returns up to today at noon, the  
bond limit increase was lost while  
the remainder of the program of the  
city administration carried in the elec-  
tion yesterday.

## RECEIPTS INCREASE

Postmaster Barefoot stated this  
morning that the receipts of the  
Chickasha postoffice, for the fiscal  
year ending March 31, were \$31,547,  
as against \$29,735 for the same period  
one year ago, a net gain of \$1,812 for  
the year. This gain insures an in-  
crease of \$100 per year in the salaries  
of both Postmaster Barefoot and As-  
sistant Postmaster McKenzie. This  
increase in salary will become effec-  
tive July 1st.

## ATHLETIC CLUB BEING LAUNCHED

Chickasha is to have a "Business  
Men's Athletic Club." The club is  
even now being organized and will  
soon be ready to stage its first num-  
ber in the athletic amusement line.

George Ellsworth and Oscar Dot-  
son are the organizers of the club.  
They have secured quarters in the old  
opera house, upstairs at the northeast  
corner of Fourth street and Chickasha  
avenue and expect to throw the doors  
open to the public on the 15th of  
April.

The membership of the club will be  
limited to one hundred. All kinds of  
gymnasium equipment, including hot  
and cold shower baths, will be in-  
stalled.

The membership rolls are open to  
professional and business men, me-  
chanics, etc. No membership fee will  
be charged, but dues in the sum of \$1  
per month will be charged each mem-  
ber. The amount raised from the  
dues will be used to defray whatever  
legitimate expenses may be incurred,  
including rent, lights and incidentals.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

The following marriage licenses  
were issued from the office of the  
court clerk this morning: George  
Boeler, aged 19, to Miss Sue Evelyn  
Gilkey, aged 19, both of Chickasha;  
Kit Carson Farwell, aged 30, of Nin-  
nekah, to Miss Fay Ernestine Shook,  
aged 18, of Cement.

## WEATHER ELSEWHERE.

Western Union reports re-  
ports received at 8 a. m. today:  
Texas — Generally cloudy,  
pleasant; average tempera-  
ture 60. Rain at Quanah, Ab-  
ilene, San Antonio, Texarkana.  
Oklahoma — Generally cloudy.  
Temperature 51.

## VISITING SCHOOLS AND CLUBS

O. C. Cooper, county demonstration  
agent, accompanied by Mrs. Martin  
Corryell, woman agent, and Mrs. Bate-  
man, teacher at Pleasant Valley  
school, left yesterday on a two day's  
trip during which they will visit the  
city schools at Tuttle and the boys'  
and girls' clubs at Silver City, Wal-  
dron, Valley View, Bridge Creek and  
Middleburg. The clubs at the schools  
to be visited on this trip, have been  
organized for some time and the visit  
is being made in order that any assis-  
tance in which they may stand in need  
may be rendered.

## TO TULSA AS WITNESSES

Deputy James Dillon, of the United  
States marshal's office, of Chickasha,  
Marshal Todd, of Bailey and Mr. San-  
sing of Lindsay will leave tomorrow  
for Tulsa where they go as witnesses  
in the federal court. The gentlemen  
will appear before the grand jury in  
a counterfeiting case from Grady  
county.

## POSITION IS RETAKEN BY FRENCH

But Other Attacks Fail, Says Berlin; Ger-  
man Chancellor Protests Against Re-  
ports of Hostility Toward America;  
Teutons Keep Busy

By United Press.  
Berlin, April 5.—French troops have  
re-occupied a fortified position north-  
east of Haumont on the west bank of  
the Meuse, it was admitted this after-  
noon. It was declared, however, that  
the French attacks on the east bank  
of the river in the Callette Wood had  
broken down.

Addressing the reichstag today, the  
German chancellor vigorously protest-  
ed against reports that Germany now  
contemplates or will at any time in  
the future plan an aggressive ac-  
t against the United States.

## To Offset Allies' Mov.

By United Press.  
London, April 5.—Four Zeppelin at-  
tacks in as many days, torpedoings of  
vessels averaging four a day and the  
Verden fighting approaching a climax  
indicate, it is believed here, that the  
kaiser ordered a great demonstration  
to offset the results of the Paris con-  
ference at which the allies closed a  
ring of steel about the central powers.

## Four Americans on board.

By United Press.  
Washington, April 5.—Consular re-  
ports to the state department confirm  
dispatches that four Americans were  
on board the British steamer Berwind  
which was torpedoed.

## Destroy Two For.

By United Press.  
Athens, April 5.—The Anglo-French  
squadron destroyed two forts at the  
entrance to Smyrna harbor.

## Four Steamers Sunk.

By United Press.  
London, April 5.—One British, one  
Spanish, one Norwegian and one  
Dutch steamer have been sunk during  
the past twenty-four hours.

The Dutch government immedi-  
ately ordered an official investigation of  
the alleged torpedoing of the Dutch  
liner Elmina Helena in the North sea.

## Women Take Men's Jobs.

By United Press.  
London, April 5.—Nine percent more  
women were employed in December,  
1914, than in July, 1914, in English  
industry, including national munition  
factories but exclusive of commercial,  
clerical, professional, railroad and  
miscellaneous government work. The  
estimate is the board of trade's.

Every month, it is added, 17,000  
more women enter the fields of work  
hitherto practically monopolized by  
men.

During the 18 months ended Jan.  
14, 1916, the labor ex-  
change placed in  
employment 617,000 women and girls.  
This is a 47 per cent increase over  
the 18 months preceding the war,  
which indicates that 288,900 women  
have taken men's places.

The development of the work also  
has been progressive. In the first six  
months of the war the exchanges  
found work for 152,000. In the second  
six months the number was 218,000.  
In the third six months it was 256,000.

## FIGHT FOR SENATE IN INDIANA

State Republican Convention Opens With  
Explosion Imminent; Attempt to Side-  
track Watson for Short Term  
May Supply Spark

## PROGRESSIVE ISSUE RAISED ONCE MORE

Death of Shively Opens Way for Settle-  
ment of Contest but Anti-Watson  
Forces Not Satisfied With  
Proposed Deal

By United Press.  
Indianapolis, Ind., April 5.—Repub-  
licans of Indiana at the state conven-  
tion opening here today knew they  
were treading on explosives and that  
the explosives bore the label, "James  
Ell Watson."

Any attempt to sidetrack the move-  
ment for Watson for the short term  
candidate to fill the vacancy left by  
the death of Senator Benjamin F.  
Shively might provide the spark for  
a blow-up, it was hinted. Organization  
matters including a keynote speech  
and selection of delegates to the na-  
tional convention constituted the pro-  
gram for today. Nominations will  
come tomorrow.

Harry S. New, who, by virtue of a  
big vote in Marion county, (Indian-  
apolis) his home, led Watson by sev-  
eral thousand votes at the direct pri-  
mary, was conceded the nomination  
for the long term, which carries with  
it an opportunity to oppose Senator  
John Worth Kern.

The element that backed New at the  
primary did so under a banner stat-  
ing: "He Can Be Elected," and their  
argument was that Watson, if nomi-  
nated, would not be able to draw back  
to the G. O. P., the progressive vote  
that went for Albert J. Beveridge two  
years ago. The primary failed to nomi-  
nate, as no candidate for U. S. sena-  
tor got a majority of the first choice  
votes.

With Watson's organization of vet-  
erans catching its breath after a cam-  
paign in which it had captured a ma-  
jority of the counties and won a ma-  
jority of the votes outside Marion,  
Watson issued a statement declaring  
that so far as the primary was con-  
cerned his forces intended to disre-  
gard the Marion county vote that  
gave New his plurality and would  
carry the fight against New to the  
floor of this convention.

Then Senator Shively died in Wash-  
ington. Watson had no opportunity  
to withdraw his unfortunate announce-  
ment and anti-Watson forces have  
tried to make him stand on it, but  
Watson managers quickly intimated  
that Shively's death offered the oppor-  
tunity for a satisfactory settlement  
of the New-Watson contest and that  
they would be satisfied with the short  
term for their candidate.

Indications were that there would  
be an explosion today and that Wat-  
son would capture the short term  
nomination by virtue of his flying col-  
umn of veterans. No other candidate  
has had an adequate opportunity to  
mobilize his forces since Shively's  
death.

This prospect troubled certain Re-  
publican editors who opposed Watson  
in the primary as impossible of elec-  
tion because he could not bring back  
the progressives, they said. Watson,  
on the other hand, in his fight with  
New, pointed to the former Progress-  
ives who were aiding his campaign  
and declared that whereas he "worked  
in the open" at the historic Chicago  
convention, his opponent, New, was  
on the national committee that order-  
ed him to act as he did.

Will H. Hays, republican state  
chairman, appeared to be the choice  
of the anti-Watson men today fol-  
lowing the death of Shively, but Watson  
called on Hays, and Watson men  
made it plain they would resent any  
interference by the head of the Re-  
publican organization; and a few days  
later Hays announced that his duty  
lay with the organization and that he  
would accept the state chairmanship  
for another term.

Since that time the anti-Watsonites  
have chosen Fred Sims and Quincy A.  
Myers as their most likely prospects.

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